

A black and white photograph of a person surfing. The person is wearing a dark wetsuit and goggles, and is riding a surfboard on a wave. They are looking towards the camera. The background is a textured, dark sea.

TASMANIA
AT A GLANCE

1996

PHYSICAL

Area of State (incl. lesser islands) km ²	68 049
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CLIMATE	Launceston Airport	Hobart
Mean annual rainfall (mm)	687	622
Rain days (no.)	136	161
Mean daily minimum temperature (°C)	6.2	8.2
Mean daily maximum temperature (°C)	16.9	16.8
Extreme maximum temperature (°C)	37.3	40.8
Extreme minimum temperature (°C)	-7.1	-2.8
Sunshine (mean daily hours)	6.9	5.9
Frost days (no.)	75	25

POPULATION

Estimated resident population (no.)	1991	1995p
Aged less than 15 (no.)	466 802	473 022
Aged 15-24 (no.)	107 926	106 148
Aged 25-64 (no.)	71 339	68 204
Aged 65 and over (no.)	232 173	239 285
Aged 65 and over (no.)	55 364	59 385
Greater Hobart Statistical Division (no.)	190 950	194 668
Greater Launceston Statistical District (no.)	96 134	98 162
Burnie-Devonport Statistical District (no.)	78 707	79 010
Density (no./km ²)	6.8	6.9

Births (no.)	1994	1995p
Deaths (no.)	6 836	6 567
Marriages (no.)	3 909	3 793
Divorces (no.)	2 887	2 834
	1 544	1 279

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION	1986	1991
Christian	324 792	345 716
Non-Christian	1 967	2 672
Other groups	50 231	57 217
Not stated	59 363	47 232
Total persons	436 353	452 837

EDUCATION	1994	1995
Schools: Government (no.)	233	230
Non-government (no.)	68	70
Students: Government (no.)	64 061	63 284
Non-government (no.)	21 298	21 375
University (total enrolments) (no.)	12 030	12 398
Maritime College (total enrolments) (no.)	1 363	1 401
TAFE (total enrolments) (no.)	21 478	24 022

TOURISM AND TRAVEL	1994	1995
Total adult visitors to Tasmania (a) (no.)	456 400	480 500
Visitors' expenditure in Tasmania (a) (\$m)	452	578
Passenger movements (incl. residents)—		
Arrivals by air		
Interstate (no.)	745 508	811 784
New Zealand (no.)	4 166	3 982
Arrivals by sea (b) (no.)	128 644	116 869
Total arrivals (no.)	878 318	932 635
Departures total (b) (no.)	880 936	931 278
Accommodation (total capacity 31 December)—		
Hotels, motels etc., with facilities:		
Guest rooms available (no.)	5 354	5 503
Holiday unit establishments:		
Units available (no.)	816	830
Caravan parks:		
Sites and cabins, flats etc. (no.)	6 953	6 440
LABOUR FORCE	1995	1996
(provisional trend estimate)		
Persons in labour force (March) (no.)	222 400	224 800
Employed (no.)	198 600	201 900
Unemployed (no.)	23 700	23 200
Participation rate (March) (%)	60.6	61.1
Unemployment rate (March) (%)	10.7	10.3
Employed wage and salary earners		
by industry (February)—	1994	1995
Mining (no.)	2 000	1 500
Manufacturing (no.)	18 100	20 400
Electricity, gas and water (no.)	3 100	2 200
Construction (no.)	6 500	6 500
Wholesale and retail trade (no.)	27 400	26 100
Transport and storage (no.)	5 900	5 200
Communication (no.)	2 200	2 300
Finance, property and business services (no.)	11 200	10 900
Public administration and defence (no.)	8 500	10 500
Community services (no.)	41 700	37 400
Recreation, personal and other services (no.)	11 700	10 800
Total	138 900	134 400

(a) Source: Tasmanian Visitor Survey conducted by Department of Tourism.

(b) Source: Department of Tourism. Note: excludes cruise ships.

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FINANCE	1993-94	1994-95
State Government—		
Final consumption expenditure (\$m)	1 328	1 368
Expenditure on new fixed assets (\$m)	441	261
Other outlays (\$m)	548	748
Total outlays (\$m)	2 317	2 377
 Taxes, fees and fines (\$m)	598	644
Grants received (\$m)	1 128	1 134
Other revenue and grants received (\$m)	483	502
Total revenue and grants received (\$m)	2 209	2 280
 Local government—		
Current outlays (\$m)	149	162
Capital outlays (\$m)	81	79
Total outlays (\$m)	230	241
 Taxes fees and fines (\$m)	125	130
Grants received	60	59
Other revenue and grants received	41	42
Total revenue and grants received	226	231
 Private—		
Banking	1994	1995
Deposits (a) (June) (\$m)	3 263	3 449
 Housing finance	1993-94	1994-95
Total secured housing commitments (b) (\$m)		
(seasonally adjusted)	774	726
 FOREIGN TRADE	1993-94	1994-95
Value of imports into Tasmania (\$m)	442	341
Value of exports of Tasmanian origin (\$m)	1 543	1 612
 WAGES	1994	1995
Total average weekly earnings, full-time adult employees (November) (\$)	636.90	648.20
Increase over previous year (%)	3.8	1.8
 Award rates of pay index for full-time adult wage and salary earners		
(1985 = 100.0) (December)	140.0	144.6
Increase over previous year (%)	0.7	1.8
(a) Average of weekly figures.		
(b) Excludes alterations and additions; includes refinancing.		

RETAIL TRADE (a)	1986	1992
Retail establishments at 30 June (no.)	4 592	4 839
Turnover—	1993-94r	1994-95
Food retailing (\$m)	1 155.1	1 154.9
Clothing and soft goods retailing (\$m)	176.2	184.6
Household goods retailing (\$m)	243.5	280.9
Recreational goods retailing (\$m)	203.2	181.9
Hospitality and services (\$m)	440.2	480.9
Other retailing (b) (\$m)	527.0	505.5
Total (\$m)	2 745.2	2 788.7
AGRICULTURE	1993-94	1994-95
Livestock numbers—		
Dairy cattle (excluding house cows) ('000)	171.6	p 185.3
Beef cattle ('000)	507.3	p 507.4
Sheep and lambs ('000)	4 323.9	p 3 852.9
Pigs ('000)	45.5	p 38.1
Production of—		
Red meat (carcass weight) (tonnes)	71 031	76 511
Milk (c) (million litres)	447	436
Wool (d) (tonnes)	18 633	17 577
Barley for grain (tonnes)	40 755	27 073
Apples (tonnes)	54 954	p 57 050
Beans, french and runner (tonnes)	7 577	p 8 462
Peas, green (processing) (tonnes)	35 054	p 37 946
Onions (tonnes)	70 709	p 73 537
Potatoes (tonnes)	291 423	p 255 738
Hops (dry weight) (tonnes)	2 105	p 1 832
Oil poppies (area) (hectares)	5 853	p 7 764
Gross value (\$m)	620.3	p 659.9
MINING	1993-94	1994-95
Turnover of establishments (\$m)	343.7	n.y.a.
Mineral concentrates produced—		
Copper concentrate ('000 tonnes)	128.1	59.4
Iron concentrate (pellets) ('000 tonnes)	1 565.9	1 483.8
Tin concentrate ('000 tonnes)	13.4	14.3
Zinc concentrate ('000 tonnes)	316.5	350.6

(a) Excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol etc.
 (b) Includes department stores.
 (c) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.
 (d) Wool received by brokers and dealers.

MANUFACTURING	1993-94	1994-95
Turnover of establishments (\$m)	4 181	n.y.a.
Production of—		
Butter (a) (tonnes)	7 846	8 105
Cheese (a) (tonnes)	22 461	20 529
Electricity (million kW.h)	8 855	8 688
Gas (mains) ('000 megajoules)	55 767	51 933
Newsprint ('000 tonnes)	208.9	222.7
Refined zinc ('000 tonnes)	193.8	189.8
Sawn timber ('000 m ³)	348.0	360.1
Woodchips ('000 tonnes)	3 726.1	4 343.1
BUILDING	1993-94	1994-95
New dwellings—		
Private (no.)	4 037	3 115
Public (no.)	110	57
Total (no.)	4 147	3 172
Value (\$'000)	301 963	244 623
New non-residential buildings approved (plus alterations and additions valued at \$50,000 or more) (\$'000)	145 922	161 567
TRANSPORT	1994	1995
New motor vehicles registered during year (no.)	13 380	13 793
New motorcycles registered during year (no.)	376	393
Motor vehicles & motorcycles on register, June (no.)	316 100	319 700
ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS (b)	1994	1995
Accidents involving casualties (no.)	1 224	1 293
Persons killed (no.)	59	56
Persons injured (no.)	1 739	1 812
PRICE INDEXES (HOBART)	1995	1996
Consumer Price Index (March)		
Index number (1989-90 = 100.0)	116.1	120.1
Increase over previous year (%)	3.8	3.4
Building materials—house (April)		
Index number (1989-90 = 100.0)	118.9	120.9
Increase over previous year (%)	4.6	1.7
Building materials—other (April)		
Index number (1989-90 = 100.0)	113.5	115.1
Increase over previous year (%)	3.4	1.4

(a) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.

(b) Source: Department of Transport and Works.

TASMANIA COMPARED WITH AUSTRALIA

	Period	Per cent of Australian total
Area	—	0.89
Demography—		
Estimated resident population	30 June 1995	2.62
Births	1994	2.65
Deaths (including infant deaths)	1994	3.09
Marriages	1994	2.60
Divorces	1994	3.20
Labour force (provisional trend estimate)—		
Employed persons	June 1996	2.43
Unemployed persons	June 1996	3.03
Agriculture—		
Gross value of agricultural commodities produced	1994-95p	2.8
Area of establishments	1994-95p	0.4
Cattle	1994-95p	2.7
Sheep and lambs	1994-95p	3.1
Pigs	1994-95p	1.4
Milk by volume	1994-95	5.3
Wool by weight (a)	1994-95	2.6
Manufacturing—		
Establishments	1993-94p	2.0
Persons employed	1993-94p	2.4
Turnover	1993-94p	2.3
Foreign trade—		
Value of imports	1994-95	0.5
Value of exports	1994-95	2.4
(a) Wool received by brokers and dealers.		
Abbreviations:		
p = preliminary		
r = revised		
n.y.a. = not yet available		